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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRC MIG 19 DEFECTION TO ROC

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1. WHILE WE WOULD NOT WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN FORMULATION OF DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI'S REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN PARA 7 OF REFTTEL, IT IS LOGICAL TO EXPECT THAT JAPANESE (AND SOVIETS) WILL BE OBSERVING DISPOSITION OF DEFECTING PILOT AND AIRCRAFT WITH TREATMENT OF LAST YEAR'S MIG-25 DEFECTION IN MIND. ASSUMING PILOT IS GRANTED ASYLUM IN TAIWAN OR ELSEWHERE, THIS ASPECT SHOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM. WE COULD, HOWEVER, FORSEE DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM INVESTIGATION OF AIRCRAFT, PARTICULARLY IF US APPEARED PUBLICLY TO SHOW UNDUE LACK OF INTEREST. SHOULD WE OPT NOT
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TO PARTICIPATE IN EXAMINATION, FOR EXAMPLE, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER EXPLANATION, E.G., ON GROUNDS PLANE IS OLDER MODEL MIG, GRC AUTHORITIES COMPETENT TO INVESTIGATE ON OWN AND DID NOT REQUEST OUR ASSISTANCE, ETC. WE WOULD HOPE WE COULD AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH IT BECAME PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT GRC HAD ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE AND WE DECLINED. IN THIS EVENT, CONTRAST WILL BE NOTED WITHIN JAPAN AND

MIGHT RE-OPEN PROBLEMS FOR GOJ OVER THEIR HANDLING OF MIG-25
AND RESULTANT STRAIN IN JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS.

2. DEFECTION OF PRC MIG 19 PILOT TO ROC HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED
MODERATELY HEAVY COVERAGE FROM JAPANESE MEDIA.
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